

OMD and PCD - What You Should be Aware of...

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So, just what are some of the
more recent challenges
presented that should raise the
awareness for the local
Operational Medical Director
(OMD) and/or Physician Course
Director (PCD)?

Date Night!

Date Night...

- There was once an instructor...
- Agency reported challenges and issues
- Instructor resigned all affiliation
- Another course was announced

Date Night...

- Instructor affiliated with FD across street - same OMD
- EMS agency approached OMD
- "The instructor is certified by the state - there is nothing I can do about it..."
- **WRONG!**

Really, it was not that bad...

Patient abandonment and
more

There was this call...

- ALS Crew on-duty, MVC call comes in
- ALS provider instructs EMT to stay behind, "we will get a refusal on this"
- Minor impact MVC – pt with chest pain
- "let's walk to the ambulance"
- Vitals obtained, monitor, IV, O2, meds

There was this call...

- ALS Provider drives ambulance to hospital
- Hospital reports concerns
- ALS provider sits with OMD
 - Only requires remediation on skills and 6 month suspension
- 30 day suspension as ALS provider by Health Commissioner

We will keep this between us...

"Sex, Lies and Video Tapes"

"...between us..."

- A student is attending an advancement course
- Student does not complete competencies, but tries to test anyway
- Test Manager correctly denies entrance, despite multiple versions of who stated they could test

"...between us..."

- Student contacts previous field preceptor, convinces them to provide patient care reports, they do...amateur!
- Student provides reports, notes field work done, QA reveals the deception.
- Student EMS certifications revoked

"...between us..."

- Preceptor originally to be suspended
- Commissioner approved a "Consent Order"
- Employer stepped up for employee

Because You Were Honest!

- ALS student in bridge course
- Openly admits to falsification of preceptor signature
- Signed letter by program and PCD - since you were honest and forthright, we will not notify the Office of EMS...

Test Your Thoughts

A provider comes to you and states they cannot give Morphine because they have an allergy to it...

Test Your Thoughts

A provider comes to you placing a form requiring your signature...

Test Your Thoughts

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